

The Federal Judicial Center  
Presents a  
Phase II Orientation Seminar for  
Newly Appointed Bankruptcy Judges

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## **Monday, February 9, 2004**

### **8:30 Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Honorable James B. Haines, Jr.  
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
District of Maine

### **8:35 What it Means to be a Bankruptcy Judge:** Being a bankruptcy judge brings a change in life-style, a change in mindset and a huge change in responsibility. This program will offer insights on these changes and the challenges that go with them.

Honorable Nancy C. Dreher  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
District of Minnesota

### **9:45 Intermission**

### **10:00 Welcome to the Federal Judicial Center**

Honorable Barbara Jacobs Rothstein  
Director, Federal Judicial Center  
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### **10:15 The Historical Development of the Bankruptcy Court**

Honorable David S. Kennedy  
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Western District of Tennessee

11:00    **Financial Disclosures**

Honorable Mary M. Lisi  
U.S. District Court  
District of Rhode Island

George D. Reynolds, Staff Counsel  
Office of Committee on Financial Disclosure  
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

12:00    **Lunch**

1:30    **Judicial Ethics**

Honorable Peter W. Bowie  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of California

3:00    **Intermission**

3:15    **Ethics Discussion** (continued)

4:30    **Adjournment**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2004**

**Chair of the Day: Honorable Robert F. Hershner, Jr.**

8:30    **Case Management and Contested Matter  
Management**

Honorable A. Thomas Small (*Moderator*)  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Eastern District of North Carolina



Judge David S. Kennedy

Honorable Jim D. Pappas  
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
District of Idaho

10:00    **Intermission**

10:15    **Case Management (continued)**

11:45    **Lunch**

1:15    **Adversary Proceeding Management:** The adversary proceeding offers special challenges to the judge in the form of pre-trial activity, time management, trial skills and judicial demeanor. The participants will discuss different ways to manage a trial from beginning to end.

Judge Nancy C. Dreher (*Moderator*)

Honorable Bernice B. Donald  
U.S. District Court  
Western District of Tennessee

3:00    **Intermission**

3:15    **Professional Fees**

Honorable Randall J. Newsome  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of California

4:45    **Adjournment**

## **Wednesday, February 11, 2004**

### **8:30 Opinion Writing**

Stephen V. Armstrong  
Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering  
Washington, D.C.

### **10:30 Intermission**

### **10:45 Chapter 13**

Honorable Robert E. Littlefield, Jr.  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of New York

### **11:45 Lunch**

### **1:15 Automatic Stay Issues:** General discussion of consumer and business cases and the issues that arise within them; the practical problems faced by judges; and evidentiary issues that come up.

Honorable Jeffery P. Hopkins  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of Ohio

### **2:15 Evidentiary Issues**

Honorable Barry Russell  
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Central District of California

### **3:15 Intermission**

3:30     **Evidentiary Issues (discussion session)**

Judge Jeffery P. Hopkins  
Judge Barry Russell

4:30     **Adjournment**

## **Thursday, February 12, 2004**

8:30     **Relations With Key Court Players** - including  
the Clerk, the United States Trustee and the state  
court.

Judge Jim Haines (*Moderator*)

Judge Randall Newsome

Honorable William R. Sawyer  
Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
Middle District of Alabama

10:00     **Intermission**

10:15     **Services of the Administrative Office of the  
U.S. Courts**

Peter G. McCabe  
Assistant Director  
Office of Judges Programs, AO

Francis F. Szczebak  
Chief  
Bankruptcy Judges Division, AO

11:30    **Lunch**

1:00    **Oral Findings and Post Trial Matters**

Judge Elizabeth L. Perris  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
District of Oregon

2:15    **Intermission**

2:30    **Retirement and Benefits Session**

Dan S. Jackson, Chief  
Judges Compensation and Benefits Branch  
Article III Judges Division, AO

4:00    **Adjournment**

## **Friday, February 13, 2004**

8:30    **The Art of Judging:** Discussion of transition  
from practice to the bench.

Judge Elizabeth L. Perris (*Moderator*)  
Judge James B. Haines, Jr.  
Judge Jeffery P. Hopkins  
Judge William R. Sawyer

9:45    **Intermission**

10:00    **Remarks from the Director of the AO**

Leonidas Ralph Mecham  
Director  
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts



10:15    **The Art of Judging (Continuation)**

12:00    **Concluding Remarks**

**Final Evaluations and Adjournment**